

.8 initializing said first transport component to receive
9 said incoming call signal; and
10 initializing said first conference component to transfer
11 said incoming call signal.

23. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the computer readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

4 receiving an initialization message from said intended
5 recipient application; and
6 removing said intended recipient application from an
7 internal list if said initialization message does not correspond
8 to an expected message.--

REMARKS

Applicant has added new claims 10-23 which Applicant submits are allowable over the prior art. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of these claims at the earliest possible date.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,617,539, issued to Ludwig (herein Ludwig), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,574,934, issued to Mirashrafi et al. (herein Mirashrafi). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested in

view of the amendments and addition made to the claims and of the following discussion.

Applicant submits that Ludwig, either alone or in combination with Mirashrafi, **does not** teach the features present in the currently amended claims to use a call director unit and a demon conference component to handle the operations of the conferencing system.

Applicant notes that the operation of the collaboration initiator of Ludwig requires significant interfacing with a directory service 66 and an AVNM 63. Applicant also notes that the collaboration initiator of Ludwig is a more resource intensive application as it provides a user interface to allow the user to initiate collaborative sessions (see Ludwig, col. 18, line 66, to col. 19, line 1).

In contrast, Applicant's invention uses a daemon conference component, which is a faceless background task with a small demand on resources, to listen and dynamically launch conferencing applications as necessary based on having been previously set up with listen strings corresponding to conferencing applications requesting persistent listening. The call director interacts with the daemon conference component to set-up and utilize the listen string AND application signature to identify the application to be launched for answering a call.

In view of the foregoing discussion and the amendments made to the claims, Applicant submits that the § 103(a) rejections are overcome. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 103(a) rejections be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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